

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 31-34 are currently presented for examination. Claims 10-30 are withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 2, 2004, Applicants hereby re-submit the section titled "Amendments to the Claims" within the one-month period specified in the Notice. As required by the Notice, the non-compliant section has been corrected, and the entire corrected section has been re-submitted for the Examiner's review.

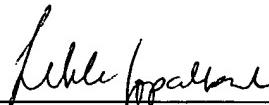
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that they have addressed all of the Examiner's concerns and rejections. Applicants believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Examiner grant such an action. If any questions or issues remain in the resolution of which the Examiner feels will be advanced by a conference with the Applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney at the number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 10-0447 (Reference No. 46847-00021USPT).

Respectfully submitted,

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